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HB 1050

**Transportation – I-270/US 15 Multi-
Modal Corridor Study and West Side
Mobility Study – Review and Update**

County Position: SUPPORT

Date: March 3, 2017

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner urges your support for **House Bill 1050** – “Transportation – I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study and West Side Mobility Study – Review and Update”.

Frederick County supports a solution to the traffic congestion on the I-270 Corridor. I-270 is a key economic development corridor in Maryland. Improvements are needed now to keep people, goods and services moving. Improvements to the corridor have been under study for more than two decades and traffic conditions have continued to worsen, impacting travel by car and bus along with freight movement. In 2009, Montgomery and Frederick Counties offered support for a number of alternatives proposed by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) in the I-270/U.S. 15 Multimodal Corridor Study. Unfortunately, the study was not completed and the stresses on the corridor have grown. Today, I-270 is one of the most congested highways in the state and congestion continues to increase.

This legislation commits the necessary funds for the State Highway Administration and the Maryland Transit Administration to complete the corridor study, draft the Environment Impact Statement and report the status of the review to the state legislature. With this foundation established, implementation of improvements can advance, decreasing the strain on our citizens and the regional economy caused by congestion on this important highway.

The Frederick County Executive urges your favorable **SUPPORT** for House Bill 1050.